

5 **SELF-REGISTERING SPREAD-SPECTRUM BARCODE METHOD**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 A novel spread spectrum barcode methodology is disclosed that allows a barcode to be
15 read in its entirety even when a significant fraction or majority of the barcode is obscured. The
 barcode methodology makes use of registration or clocking information that is distributed along
 with the encoded user data across the barcode image. This registration information allows for
 the barcode image to be corrected for imaging distortion such as zoom, rotation, tilt, curvature,
 and perspective.

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